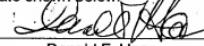




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In re the accompanying application of)
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Serial No. 10/025,080) Group Art Unit: 1626
Filed December 19, 2001) Examiner: Kamala Saeed
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THEREOF)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement of March 5, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4 for prosecution in this application. The Examiner has required the election of a single disclosed species. The Applicants hereby elect the species 3-dodecyloxy-1-propanal as described in Example 1 on page 37, line 25, in Example 2, page 38, line 33, etc.

The undersigned wishes to point out to the Examiner that this office action was mailed to the inventors rather than the attorney specified in the declaration, Yukiko Iwata.

Respectfully submitted,

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